

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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48. (Amended) A method of making replicate arrays, comprising repeatedly sectioning a bundle of aligned array members to make wafers comprising replicate arrays, wherein:
each array comprises structural members each of which has a lumen therethrough which is continuously enclosed thereby;
each array member is a homogenous composition disposed within a separate lumen of a structural member which extends from a first to a second wafer surface formed by said sectioning;
and
each structural member and each array member are aligned in the bundle parallel to an alignment axis and occupy a defined position in the two dimensions orthogonal thereto;
wherein the array members comprise analyte binding reagents.

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49. (Amended) A method according to claim 48, wherein each wafer further comprises embedded information spatially separate from said array members.

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50. (Amended) A method according to claim 48, wherein array members completely fill the lumen and form part of said first and second wafer surfaces.

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51. (Amended) A method according to claim 48, wherein the array members have a surface area of about 1.0 to about 1,000,000 μm^2 .

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52. (Amended) A method according to claim 48, wherein the density in the array is about 10 to about 100,000 array members per square centimeter of total surface area of the array.

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53. (Amended) A method according to claim 97, wherein the array members comprise analyte binding reagents.

B34 sub 76. (Amended) A method according to claim 75, wherein the polypeptide-specific binding reagents are polyclonal antibodies, monoclonal antibodies, single chain antibodies, or antigen-binding fragments of antibodies.

21/71 26 (Amended) A method according to claim 71, wherein analyte binding reagents are one or more of a nucleic acid, a polynucleotide, a DNA, an RNA, an oligonucleotide, a peptide-nucleic acid, an aptamer, a ribozyme, a nucleic acid-binding polyamide, a protein, a peptide, a polypeptide, a glycoprotein, an antibody, an antibody-derived polypeptide, a receptor protein, a fusion protein, a mutein, a lipid, a polysaccharide, a lectin, a ligand, ~~an antigen or a hapten~~.

B30 79. (Amended) A method according to claim 71, further comprising exposing a sample to the array and detecting the presence of binding to the analyte binding reagents using radioactivity, fluorescence, phosphorescence or chemiluminescence.

Please add the following new claims:

B11 1-94. (New) A method of making replicate arrays, comprising repeatedly sectioning a bundle of aligned array members to make wafers comprising replicate arrays, wherein:

each array comprises structural members each of which has a lumen therethrough which is continuously enclosed thereby;

each array member is a homogenous composition disposed within a separate lumen of a structural member which extends from a first to a second wafer surface formed by said sectioning; and

each structural member and each array member are aligned in the bundle parallel to an alignment axis and occupy a defined position in the two dimensions orthogonal thereto;

wherein at least two array members are different from one another.

sub 95. (New) A method of making replicate arrays, comprising repeatedly sectioning a bundle of aligned array members to make wafers comprising replicate arrays, wherein:

each array comprises structural members each of which has a lumen therethrough

which is continuously enclosed thereby;

each array member is a homogenous composition disposed within a separate lumen of a structural member which extends from a first to a second wafer surface formed by said sectioning; and

each structural member and each array member are aligned in the bundle parallel to an alignment axis and occupy a defined position in the two dimensions orthogonal thereto;

wherein structural members are comprised of a plastic.

96. (New) A method of making replicate arrays, comprising repeatedly sectioning a bundle of aligned array members to make wafers comprising replicate arrays, wherein:

each array comprises structural members each of which has a lumen therethrough which is continuously enclosed thereby;

each array member is a homogenous composition disposed within a separate lumen of a structural member which extends from a first to a second wafer surface formed by said sectioning; and

each structural member and each array member are aligned in the bundle parallel to an alignment axis and occupy a defined position in the two dimensions orthogonal thereto;

with the proviso that not all the array members are a glass.

97. (New) A method of making replicate arrays, comprising repeatedly sectioning a bundle of aligned array members to make wafers comprising replicate arrays, wherein:

each array comprises structural members each of which has a lumen therethrough which is continuously enclosed thereby;

each array member is a homogenous composition disposed within a separate lumen of a structural member which extends from a first to a second wafer surface formed by said sectioning; and

each structural member and each array member are aligned in the bundle parallel to an alignment axis and occupy a defined position in the two dimensions orthogonal thereto;

wherein said replicate arrays produced are effective for performing an assay.

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98. (New) An array prepared by the method of claim 48.
99. (New) An array prepared by the method of claim 94.--
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